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SUBJECT: OECD TRADE COMMITTEE: AGENDA ITEMS 3A, B AND C

REF: A) STATE 021620, B) BERN 444

1. SWISS (LANGUETIN, WHO WILL CHAIR MEETING, AND LEVY, WHO WILL HEAD SWISS DELEGATION) HAVE GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3 A, B AND C.

2. 3A - TARIFFS AND 3B - NON TARIFF BARRIERS.

LANGUETIN HOPES TO BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE THE DISCUSSION ON MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS, NOT COMMODITIES. HE EXPECTS SUCH QUESTIONS AS RENEWAL OF GSP SYSTEMS, DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT, AND WHAT DC REACTION SHOULD BE IF THE LDC'S OFFERED CONCESSIONS OR THE MOST DEVELOPED LDC'S OFFERED PREFERENCES TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED TO COME UP. SWISS HAVE NO OFFICIAL POSITION ON THESE ISSUES, AND EXPECT THE DISCUSSION TO TAKE THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND VIEWS WITHOUT COMMITMENT.

3. AGENDA ITEM 3C - STANDSTILL.

PRELIMINARY POSITION IS THAT DISCUSSION AT THIS TC MEETING SHOULD BE AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT FORMAL SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF RENEWAL OF THE TRADE PLEDGE SHOULD BE PUT OFF. ATTRACTING TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO IT AT THIS TIME, AGAIN ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY SWISS VIEWS, MIGHT BE A TACTICAL MISTAKE.

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